

Checking Out Time

G **D** **C**
Before the whistle blows
G
Checking out time
G **D** **C**
Before anybody knows
G
Checking out time
D **Em**
Just before the dawn
 C **D**
When the streetlights are still
on
 C
When the last cigarette is gone
G
Checking out time

Before the wake up call
Checking out time
Before another fall
Checking out time
Slip on through the door
When there really is no more
Before you hit the floor
Checking out time

Down by the river wharf
C **G**
The trucks are rumblin' in
D
Roof lights blinking in the mist
C **D**
There's a slow October wind
D
Last hooker on the corner
C **G**
Last watchman made the rounds
C
Huddled in a doorway
D
Your nerves begin to pound

Before the telephone rings
Checking out time
Before the first bird sings
Checking out time
Before the light sneaks in
Before the show begins
While the TV screen's snowin'
Checking out time

Down by the river wharf
All night diner glowin' bright
Truckers lined up at the counter
Bacon, coffee and fluorescent
light
Jukebox gettin' louder
In the bathroom by the condom
machine
Don't look in the mirror
Wash your hands but they don't
get clean

Before you change your mind
Checking out time
Before the rope unwinds
Checking out time
Before you have to pay
Before night turns into day
Before you start to pray
Checking out time

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